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## THE BELLICOSE TURKS.

Abuse for the Allies.

(Reuter's Service.)

Constantinople, December 18.  
Speaking in the National Assembly at Angora, Reouf Bay, President of the Council of Ministers, said the Government was prepared to accept the Powers' standpoint with regard to the Straits. He asserted that the Government would not accept anything resembling capitulations, and refused all liability for the costs of occupation. He asserted that the Powers, by occupying Constantinople and the Straits, had violated the armistice signed at Mudros. He alleged that Armenian labourers had been employed by the British in raping Turkish women at Gallipoli. Reouf's reference to Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau was interrupted by a chorus of "May he be cursed!" He concluded by stating that the Government desired peace, but possessed an army second to none, which was prepared to carry on its duty.

**Russian Scheme for the Straits.**  
Lausanne, December 18.  
It is understood that the Russians are submitting to the Straits Commission a long scheme with regard to the Straits, practically amounting to a negation of the Allied scheme, which is being discussed by the Straits Commission this afternoon. The Russian scheme proposes, *inter alia*, a control commission with Germany on the board.

Lausanne, December 18.  
"In all conferences I have attended, never have I had such an experience," declared Lord Curzon in the course of a long and somewhat heated discussion by the Straits Commission evoked by the Russo-Turk proposal to submit to a new committee a fresh plan. Lord Curzon, M. Barriere and Signor Carroni said it was impossible at this stage to begin all over again. The world was waiting for some result.

The new Russian scheme provides for the closing of the Straits to foreign warships, though Turkey may in exceptional cases permit the passage of light warships, excluding submarines. Turkey is authorised to assure sovereignty by minelaying and other military and naval measures. An international board presided over by a Turk would be composed of representatives of the Black Sea States and Germany, the United States, France, Britain, Japan and Italy. The signatories would agree to recognise the Black Sea as a closed sea of riparian states.

## AMERICA AND REPARATIONS.

Difficulties to be Contended With.

London, December 18.  
Several papers regard the statements from Washington as regards a possible American intervention in the reparations question as probably in the nature of kite-flying in order to test American opinion before the White House commits itself to any decision. The New York Times' Washington correspondent says that Senator Borah has issued a statement making it clear that the irreconcilable Senators, whose views he represents, will oppose Government participation in an effort to adjust the reparations problem unless the Allies materially change their attitude towards Germany and put their own house in order. The New York Times says this statement shows the extreme difficulties facing the Government in carrying out its earnest desire to assist Europe.

## U. S. BANDITS' BIG COUP.

Denver, December 18.  
Three bandits shot one of the guards transferring two hundred thousand dollars' worth of gold from the United States mint to the local branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, and escaped with the entire booty. The guard is not expected to recover.  
Later.  
While the gold loading trucks were in front of the mint a motor-car appeared and stopped. Masked bandits who were in it opened fire with repeating rifles. The guards returned the fire, but the robbers seized the bags of gold and escaped amid a shower of bullets. The wounded guard has since died.

## FRANCE'S NAVAL POSITION.

Paris, December 18.  
In the Chamber, in a debate on the naval estimates, M. Raiberti, Minister of Marine, outlined the Government's policy, and declared that Britain, America and Japan had been building while France let her navy dwindle. France needed a navy to defend her coasts and colonies, and must build ships and create an aerial fleet, but strict economy was essential. A total of 43 million francs had been saved by reorganisation and reductions. Only eighty millions would be spent on the navy this year and ninety millions would be carried on to the next financial year. He declared that France was the only naval Power that had fallen below the 1914 level.

## £15,000 FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

London, December 18.  
A meeting of shareholders in the Dunlop Rubber Company unanimously passed a resolution in favour of paying Sir Eric Geddes five thousand pounds sterling for his services as a director, also ten thousand sterling for his special services as a director during the twelve months ended September 30. The chairman said the company had got rid of its pressing liabilities by discharging or funding them permanently, so that, given a reasonable trade revival, the position of the company would steadily strengthen.

## THE EXCHANGE MARKET.

London, December 18.  
In London, foreign exchange opened with a decided recovery and later relapsed. The rumours of the American loan to Germany are not taken seriously.  
French francs touched 60-95 and closed at 62-75.  
Belgian francs were 66-80 and 68-45. Marks ranged from 25,000 to 30,000.  
Sterling in New York was quoted at 4 65 to 4-64.

## GOOD TRANSVAAL CRICKET.

Johannesburg, December 18.  
The Transvaal knocked up 291, Catterall scoring 128 by very sound batting, his hits including a sixer and fourteen fours. This is the first century made against the M.C.C. in their present tour in South Africa.  
The M.C.C. had compiled fifteen without the loss of a wicket when stumps were drawn.

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## ARMED ROBBERIES.

Bold Attack in a House.

No fewer than three armed robberies are reported by the Police this morning.  
In one case, Mrs. H. Allan, who lives at No. 5, Moreton Terrace, Bay View, reports that at 4.30 yesterday afternoon, whilst she was reading in the sitting room, four men, armed with revolvers and daggers, rushed in. One caught her by the throat and prevented her from shouting. They demanded the safe keys, but she told them she did not have them. They ransacked the drawers and wardrobe in the bedroom, but found nothing of value. They then searched the cupboards in the dining room and stole small articles of jewellery valued at \$65. That was all they could find to take. The men spent about half-an-hour in the house and then left.

A more successful haul was made by four men at a roast-meat shop at 281, Shaughai Street, Yaumati. A woman was serving in the shop when two men came in and purchased some meat. Whilst she was serving them, two other men entered and went into the cubicle at the back. They produced revolvers and woke up the master, who was sleeping. They then bound and gagged the man and woman, secured the safe keys and stole \$1,500 in notes, \$500 in small coins and jewellery to the value of \$70. The men succeeded in getting away.

The third case concerns the master of two stalls in the Western Market. At about 11 o'clock he was asleep in his stall, when he was awakened by three men, armed with revolvers and daggers. They threatened him and made him keep quiet, stole the keys of the safe from his girdle and then took \$698 from the safe. Before departing they tied the master up so that he could not follow them.

## BAKERS' STRIKE.

A Few Pastrycooks Return.

There is little fresh in the strike situation. Negotiations are still proceeding but, as far as can be ascertained, no definite progress towards a settlement has been made.  
It is stated that some of the pastrycooks of the Hongkong Bakery have returned to work.

## CHINA'S PREMIER.

Chang Shou-tseng Approved.

Peking, December 18.—Following his explanations of his policy to a gathering of Parliamentarians this morning, the House of Representatives this afternoon approved General Chang Shou-tseng's nomination to the Premiership by 392 votes to 60. The Bill was introduced by Jao Han-hsiang, Wu Ching-tien presided.—Reuter.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The Army Team.

The following have been selected to represent the Army against the Navy in the second of the Rugby football cup matches at Happy Valley on Saturday, December 23rd, at 4.15 p.m.—Back, Lt. Mockridge H.K.S., R.G.A.; three quarters, Capt. Tomory, R.A.M.C., Lt. Hogen, H.K.S., R.G.A.; Pte. Pys, Lt.-Col. Bedford King's Regt.; halves, Capt. Cross, King's Regt., Lt. Davies H.K.S., R.G.A.; forwards, Capt. Dods, Lt. Bacon 102nd Grenadiers, Lt. Boyes, Lt. Mortimer, Lt. Bingham, Capt. Hewitt, H.K.S., R.G.A., Lt. Thompson, Lt. Lender, King's Regt. Reserve; Pte. O'Malley, King's Regt.

## SIR ROBERT HO TUNG.

Celebrates 61st. Birthday To-day.

### HIGH TRIBUTES FROM CHINA'S PRESIDENT AND STATESMEN.

Hongkong's leading Chinese citizen, and one of the best known and highly respected members of the whole community, in the person of Sir Robert Ho Tung, LL.D., J.P., to-day celebrates his 61st birthday. The event is being celebrated by an "At Home" given by Lady Ho Tung at 10, "Idlewild," this afternoon, at which will be present His Excellency the Governor and all the principal residents of the Colony. In common with his numerous friends, we desire to take this opportunity of extending our felicitations to Sir Robert, and to add our hope that he will be spared for very many years to serve Hongkong and China as he has so nobly done in the past.  
To write of Sir Robert Ho Tung's career in even the most cursory manner would fill many columns. We will content ourselves at the moment with a few brief references to his life in the



Sir Robert Ho Tung, LL.D., J.P.

Colony which owes so much to his business acumen, his enterprise, his munificent benefactions and his tireless energy to bring happiness and opportunities for advancement to others less favoured than himself. Born in Hongkong, he was educated at the old Central School (now Queen's College) and early in life joined the staff of the Chinese Customs. Not long after, however, he became assistant comprador to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., and here he found his true bent in commercial life. By 1896, he had risen to be chief comprador and this post he held until 1900, when the state of his health made it necessary for him to retire. He had long since come to be regarded as one of the shrewdest business men and financiers in the Colony, and the years that have since elapsed have more than confirmed that opinion of him. His advice is constantly sought in connection with big business and financial undertakings, and the large number of Company directorships he holds evidences the value that is placed on his opinions in the world of commerce. His integrity is of the highest order, for he is essentially a man who believes in "the square deal."

Of Sir Robert's benefactions it is impossible here to mention but a tithe of what he has done for the Colony. In education he has taken the deepest and able interest, noteworthy amongst his efforts in this direction being gifts of money totalling no less than \$260,000 to the Hongkong University, to say nothing of the manner in which he has in other directions helped in the spread of learning in the Colony. He also very freely assisted the numerous war funds, both with money and other material help; whilst inhabitants of famine-stricken districts in China have ever been able to count on his generous assistance. The poor also have always had a warm corner in Sir Robert's heart, and many are the benefactions which he has made for their behalf, especially in the provision of cheap rice in times of distress. To local charitable and other organisations he has given freely of his wealth, and to-day he has performed a characteristic act by setting the lead in breaking an old Chinese custom by putting out one of the two dinners generally given on birthdays, devoting the money which would be spent therein to deserving local causes.  
Sir Robert has received high honours from the British and Chinese Governments and from the Hongkong University, these being but some small recognition of noble acts which testify to his goodness of heart and high character, and which, we are sure, will be continued so long as he is spared to the Colony which is proud to count him as a citizen.

### Congratulatory Messages.

From an early hour this morning, relatives and friends began to call on Sir Robert to pay their compliments. They found "Idlewild" a transformed house, the exterior being made to resemble a Chinese temple and the interior profusely adorned with the many tablets, scrolls, poems and presents which Sir Robert has had presented to him in commemoration of the day. Among those who have sent tablets, scrolls, etc., are the President of China, the ex-President Hsu Shih-chang, the Governor of Canton (Chan Chik-yue), Mr. Low Yuk-lin (ex-Minister to London), Mr. Hsiung Hsi-ling (ex-Premier), the son of General Chang Tso-lin, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (a magnificent silver incense burner), Prince Kung, H. E. Chu Chi-chen, Dr. W. W. Yen, Mr.

Kang Yu-wei (the famous Chinese reformer), Mr. Liang Shih-yi, General Lung Chi-kwong, the Po Leung Kuk, the Tung Wah Hospital, the staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, the staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, many other local companies and hosts of relatives and personal friends, both Chinese and foreign.

### A Presidential Honour.

Sir Robert Ho Tung only recently was granted the First Class Taishou Chiao Ho Order (the Order of the Excellent Crop with Sash) by a Presidential mandate issued at Peking, and has now received a further honour from the Chinese President, H. E. Li Yuan-hung, in the form of an honorific tablet inscribed in Chinese "The Leading Light of the Lo-Yang Association." This is a great honour indeed, as the following brief sketch of the Lo-Yang Association, also known as the Lo-Yang Association of Aged Geniuses, will show. It was founded by the famous statesman and historian Ssi Ma Kwang and twelve other retired official colleagues, (and was modelled on the Association of the Nine Aged, which had been formed by the celebrated poet Fa Chui). The regulations stipulated that only very old retired Ministers were eligible for membership, and they were rated according to age rather than official rank. The activities of the Association consisted mainly of literary pursuits carried on over a glass of wine. The Association has been alluded to in their works by such famous Chinese poets as Su Tung Po, Wang Wei, Chang Chu, and Tso Tzu, expressing their admiration for it.

### A Fine Tribute.

Another mark of appreciation from China received by Sir Robert on this auspicious occasion is a scroll presented by a large number of prominent men, including officials now in office and many former holders of high posts, such as Ex-President Hsu Shih-chang, Ex-Premier W. W. Yen and four other Ex-Premiers, Acting Premier C. T. Wang, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs (Dr. Wellington Koo), and the former Ministers of the Interior, of Finance, of Agriculture, and of Communications, as well as the Chancellor of the Ministry of Communications, Admiral Tsai Ting Kan, Marshal Lung Chi Kwang, and many others—secretaries, attaches and officials—including Dr. Wu Lien Teh, Prince Yu Lang, and the President of the C.M.N.S. Co., Mr. George Mark.

The scroll sets out at some length the life and work of the recipient up to the present day, extolling his many virtues, and concluding with a wish that prosperity might attend him and his family for ever and ever. The early career of Sir Robert is shown to have been one of great filial piety, and his cleverness at an early age enabled him to overcome many obstacles. He first studied Chinese, and later took English, with great success. After leaving school (Queen's College, Hongkong, then known as the Central School) he took up an appointment in the Canton Customs, afterwards joining Jardine, Matheson's. His successful business career is touched upon, mention being made of his connection with over a dozen of the biggest companies operating in Hongkong and other parts of the Far East. "He is scrupulously honest and fair, treating his fellow-men with faithfulness and consideration, and managing his affairs with diligence and success."

Sir Robert Ho Tung's magnificent work in the cause of education, and in helping the needy, the sick, and sufferers from famine and flood or other disaster, with an ever-ready purse, are set forth in eulogistic terms. His contributions of aeroplanes and ambulances during the Great War were an example of his patriotism. At the time of the local seamen's strike, it is shown, Sir Robert did a great deal towards effecting an amicable settlement. His many philanthropic activities, especially in connection with educational establishments, are fully extolled. "So great are his charitable deeds, that his reputation for benevolence has spread even to most distant countries."

## CHRISTMAS PRIZES.

Result of Football Competition.

There was a record entry for our Football Competition last week, for which we offered special Christmas prizes of \$50 each to Service and Civilian readers. The whole twelve matches contained on the coupon were played, but no competitor in either section succeeded in correctly forecasting all the results.

### Service.

The highest number of correct results sent in by Service readers was nine, two competitors getting this number right. They were—

- Pte. Smith, Military Garrison Police, Wellington Barracks.
- A. H. Smith, R.M.L.I., Royal Naval Canton.

These men therefore share the prize of \$50, and if they will call at this office we shall be pleased to hand them \$25 each.

### Civilian.

In this section, the prize is divided between three competitors, each of whom gave ten correct forecasts. They are—

- Mrs. L. Botelho, 31, Granville Rd., Kowloon.
- K. Sohan Singh, Police Training School.
- Lui I se-shat, 31, Wing Lok Street.

In order to make the amount even, we have added a dollar to the prize-money in this section, each competitor thus receiving \$17, which will be handed them if they will call at this office.

## News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society propose giving a concert early in the New Year.—Page 4.  
A desirable shop is to let in the central district.—Page 4.  
On Thursday the 21st inst. the regular monthly meeting of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China will be held.—Page 4.

### LISTEN!

Advertising is the short cut to bigger returns.

A new firm have started business.—Page 4.  
Lammert Brothers will hold a public auction of valuable household furniture on the 22nd inst.—Page 4.  
A.S. Watson & Co., are offering special cases of Wines and Spirits for the Festive Season.—Page 6.  
Consignees are notified of the arrival of the a.s. "President Jefferson."—Page 4.

### To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 2 13/16d.

### Lighting Up-Time.

Lighting-Up Time to-day 5.43 p.m.

Sir Robert's political foresight is also praised. "The thing he looks at reveals not this or that face of it, but its inmost heart, and generic secret. It dissolves itself as in light before him, so that he discerns the perfect structure of it." His transcendent qualities are eulogised—his unflinching courtesy, consideration for others, kindness to those going to him in time of need, and ever-ready help where aid is required. His many honours bestowed on him by the British Government and by the Chinese authorities are also set forth; and the scroll contains in its concluding portion a reference to Sir Robert's accomplished children, the beginning of future prosperous generations of a distinguished family.



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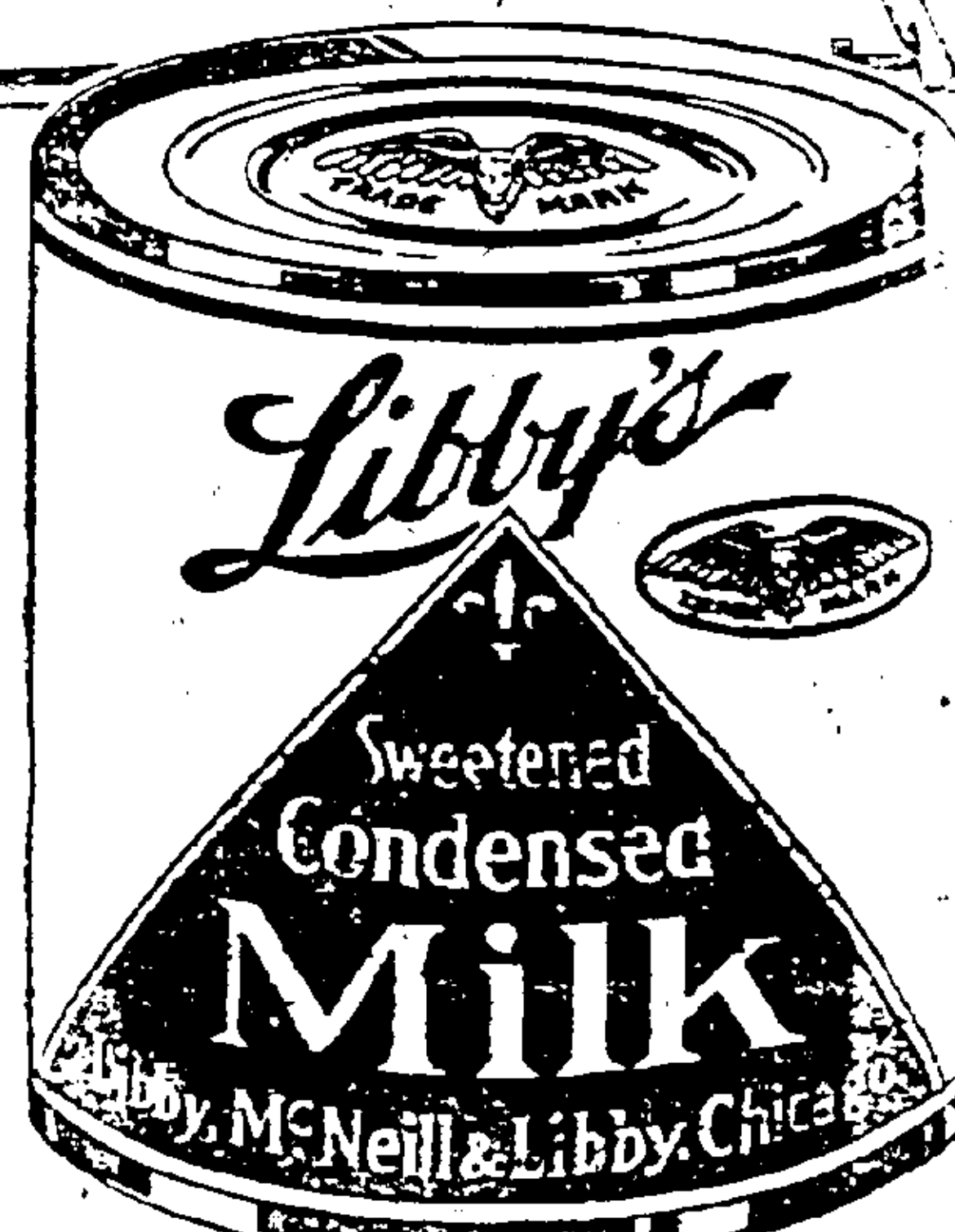
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## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

## An Identification Problem.

A Chinese appeared before the  
Chief Justice charged with armed  
robbery in Kennedy Road.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, outlining the  
case for the Crown, said that at  
2.30 on the afternoon of 22nd  
November a schoolboy named Look  
Ping, 19 years of age, was walking  
along Kennedy Road going from  
west to east. When near Mon-  
mouth Path two men passed him,  
then turned round and followed  
him. The prisoner placed himself  
in the front of the schoolboy and  
threatened him with a dagger, the  
other standing behind. They de-  
manded money and when the boy  
told them he had none they pro-  
ceeded to search him and took a  
gold watch chain and \$7.23 in  
money. Before clearing off, they  
warned the boy not to follow them.

After waiting for a while Look  
Ping followed the robbers down  
Monmouth Path towards Wanchai,  
but lost sight of them in Wing  
Foong Street. He reported the loss  
to No. 2 Police Station and was told  
to call at 2 o'clock next day. He  
arrived a little early and whilst  
waiting saw the prisoner. He  
spoke to two Indians and they fol-  
lowed him to Gresson Street and  
eventually to Wing Foong Street,  
where prisoner was arrested, hand-  
ed over to a Chinese constable and

taken to Wanchai Police Station, had been falsely accused. He  
The chief point, the Crown Soli-  
citor said, was one of identifica-  
tion.

Look Ping gave evidence bearing  
out the Crown solicitor's opening  
statement.

The Chief Justice asked if he was  
sure that prisoner was the man who  
robbed him.

"If he had not been arrested for  
another three years, I should still  
know it was him," the witness  
replied.

Why are you so sure?—Because  
of his mouth for one thing.

What is wrong with his mouth?—  
His mouth is not in the natural  
position.

"Is my mouth in a natural posi-  
tion?" the Chief Justice asked.

The witness did not reply.

Is there anything else?—Yes,  
he has extraordinary high cheek  
bones.

When you went down to Wing  
Foong Street you were on the look-  
out for this man?—When I went  
down to Wanchai next day, I had  
not the intention of finding the  
man who had robbed me, but merely  
of going to the Police Station under  
the instruction of the Inspector.

You do not know whether the  
prisoner has been a robber or a  
bad hat and that that supports you  
in the impression that he is the  
man who robbed you?—Nothing of  
that kind.

Prisoner told the jury that he

had been falsely accused. He  
alleged that the prosecutor had a  
grudge against him. Sometimes  
ago, when going along the street  
with a load of pomeles, near the  
M. Y. San factory he saw prosecutor  
and three others playing shuttle-  
cock. The shuttlecock landed on  
his stall and he scolded the boys.

They got angry, and one of them  
took a pomele and commenced to  
use it as a shuttlecock. This was  
on 2nd October. When he took his  
stores away the prosecutor told him  
that he would get into further trou-  
ble at a later date.

The prosecutor characterised pri-  
soner's story as an invention. He  
had never played shuttlecock since  
he had arrived at the age of ten  
years.

Prisoner: He says my story is an  
invention. I say that his story is  
an invention. I have nothing more  
to add.

Summing up, the Chief Justice  
said the case for the prosecution  
was weak. It rested entirely upon  
uncorroborated evidence. Prisoner's  
story of the shuttlecock incident  
seemed to him to be very improb-  
able.

The jury returned a verdict of  
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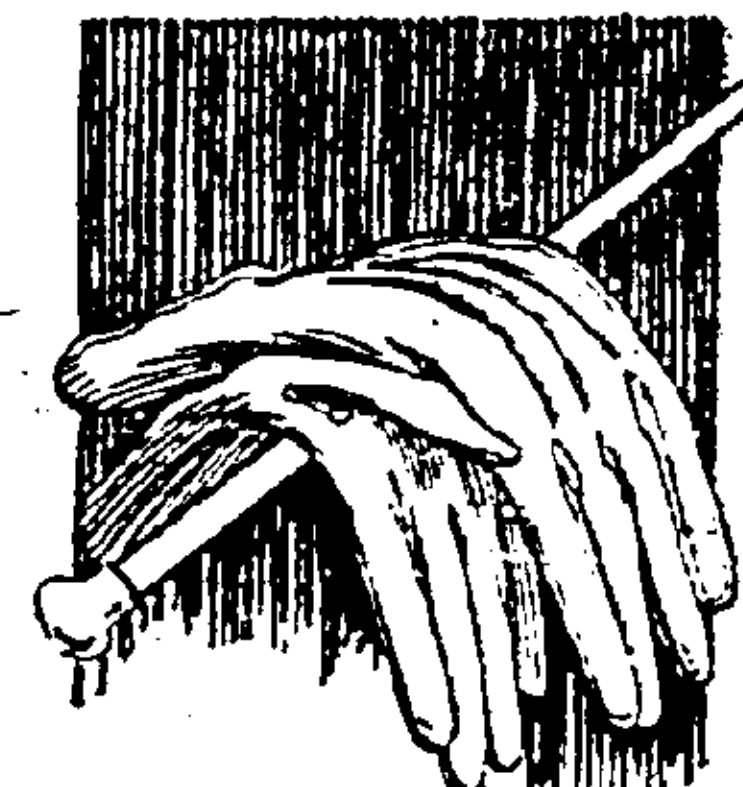
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## DAY BY DAY.

Mrs. Severn is to present the prizes at the Victoria British School at 11 a.m. on the 21st. instant.

The trial of Li Chung, before Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Criminal Sessions, on a charge of being concerned in a kidnapping conspiracy, concluded yesterday afternoon. Prisoner was found guilty and the Judge passed the maximum sentence of three years' hard labour.

According to official reports from Chaochow, the Young People's Library, the Confederation of Labour, and the Farmers Union, are all anarchical institutions. The officials there have arrested Wu Hsiung-hua, Tse Han-yih, and three others on charge of having lectured on anarchical principles. — *Canton Times*.

Last week's health return shows six deaths from diphtheria (five Chinese and one British); three non-fatal cases of cerebrospinal fever (Chinese); two cases of enteric fever (Chinese), of which one was fatal; and one non-fatal case each of plague (Chinese) and paratyphoid fever (Russian). There were also three Chinese deaths from influenza.

When a coolie was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning with stealing a heavy piece of timber from a contractor at Leichikok, he gave the excuse that he did not steal the wood, but merely took it as he wanted to use it for a pillow. An Indian watchman saw the man take the wood and walk off with it. His Worship fined the man \$5 or seven days.

The Public Highway Commission of Kwangtung has requested the Civil Administration to levy a surtax of 20 per cent. on salt so as to raise funds for the purpose of road construction. The Commission mentioned that the Han River Conservancy Board has obtained similar revenue for its purpose, and there is no reason why such precedent should not be followed.

The annual general meeting of members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was held yesterday evening in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen presiding over a large attendance. Officers elected for the ensuing year as follows:—President, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen; Captain, Mr. A. B. Stewart; Auditor, Mr. Bernard Brown; Committee: Messrs J. B. Rios, A. K. Henderson, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, B.D.C. Morgan, G.S. Archbutt, F.S. Harrison, W.E. Roberts, H.C. Ireland and P. Tester.

An elderly Chinese fireman who saw service on a British merchantman during the war and who possesses both the British War Medal and the Mercantile Marine Medal, appeared on remand before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning, charged with stealing a piece of wood. When the case came on before him, it was stated that the man was too old now to get a job and was very reduced in circumstances. The case was brought to the notice of the Harbour Master, who has promised to find the old man employment. His Worship, this morning, bound the man over to be of good behaviour.

We regret to announce the death of Vicente Ferrer Maria, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. da Rocha, which took place on the 18th instant at the St. Paul's Hospital, after a brief illness from appendicitis and peritonitis. Deceased's father is the assistant manager of the Swedish Trading Co. Ltd., and Messrs. A. J. C. da Rocha (of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.), V. C. da Rocha (China Fire Insurance Co.), J. M. da Rocha (senior partner of Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co.), A. G. da Rocha (auctioneer), C. B. da Rocha (Manila), are uncles. The funeral was largely attended. In front were twelve boy friends, marching in pairs, each carrying a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. Many others joined the cortege as it passed the Monument. There were many floral tributes from sympathisers.

## CANTON FIRES.

## Much Damage Caused.

Two fires were reported last evening in Canton, one at Tin Ping Street destroying one building, and another in Shaki near the hog market west of the proposed Bund extensions.

Further details disclose that in the fire in the hog market at Yee Hing Street near the administrative office of the Kwangtung Yush-Han Railway, the damage done was about half a million dollars. Among the buildings destroyed was a large rice mill, Lee Shing Fung. More than a hundred hogs were burned to death.

The origin of the fire was the making of sacrifice to the dead by a family in Yee Hing Street. The members of the bereaved family were offering joss sticks, candles, and paper articles to the parading spirit. The fire started about 7.45 o'clock in the evening, and a strong wind helped to destroy about forty houses, mostly wooden and grass-made matchsheds near the waterfront.

## BIG OPIUM SEIZURE.

## Man and Woman Charged.

Quite a big seizure of opium was made by revenue officers yesterday at the Lung Wing Wharf. A Chinese, in European clothing, and a woman, of uncertain nationality, but also dressed in European clothing, were arrested for having concealed in their baggage and clothing raw opium to the extent of 60½ lbs., valued at \$1,452. They were landing off a boat from Calcutta.

When the man and woman were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared to defend them. After a consultation with the man, Mr. Russ stated that the man would plead guilty but desired the charge against the woman to be dismissed.

The woman was accordingly discharged, and the sentence on the man was deferred until tomorrow afternoon to give Mr. Russ opportunity of consulting with him.

## CRICKET.

The following will represent Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI. against Kowloon 2nd XI. at Kowloon on Boxing Day, commencing at 10.30 a.m. sharp:—W. Brackenridge, J. D. Crawford, H. E. Holland, W. W. Mackenzie, A. K. Mackenzie, L. D. McNicoll, D. E. G. Nicholson, D. B. Peat, G. H. Piercy, H. Spicer and M. M. Watson.

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He had many difficulties to overcome before he became thoroughly educated, but he did overcome them all so completely that he brought upon himself a final one. A certificate of church membership was withheld from him by the Court of the Congregation on "the allegation or suspicion that he had acquired his learning through a compact with the devil."

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## EASTERN ITEMS.

The Rev. Father Algar, Director of the Philippines Weather Bureau and the Manila Observatory, has been spending a few days in Singapore, whence he has left on a brief visit to the Observatories of British India.

C. Murray, of the Calcutta Customs service, won the Marathon Race organised by the Bengal Athletic Association last month, over a distance of 10 miles, which he covered in 50 minutes.

The decennial exposition of the body of St. Francis Xavier, the great Apostle of the Indies, was to take place at Goa on December 3rd, the feast day of the saint, and the gathering from all parts of the world was expected to be on a large scale.

Mrs. Charlotte Cameron O.B.E., F.R.G.S., a lady who has very real claim to the title of the greatest woman traveller, for since 1910, excluding the period of the war, she has covered more than 160,000 miles, is spending a few days in Singapore, before proceeding to Borneo, upon what she described to a representative of the *Free Press* as purely a holiday, on which she was determined to enjoy herself.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Alexander Ferguson, who during the past two years had been associated with Mr. Oxley Cumming as an exchange broker, says the *Shanghai Mercury*. Mr. Ferguson died suddenly on the night of December 12th, at his residence shortly after retiring to rest. It is stated that about two weeks previously he twisted his neck while asleep and had since suffered from the injury. He had been indoors in consequence, but had since been able to attend to his duties, and no later than the night of his death was about town apparently in his usual health.

Art lovers, particularly if they are of Scottish birth, or have interests in Scotland, have a chance (in Shanghai) to obtain a typical Scottish picture of considerable merit and some history, says the *N.C.A.* It forms part of the estate of the late Mr. Douglas E. McGregor. Having the title "After the Foray," it was painted by the late R. A. Houston, in 1186, as the last of a series of 12 to the order of the Duke of Fife. Owing to a misunderstanding, Houston refused to let the Duke have it and it was then acquired by Mr. McGregor, for £400, it being understood that two of his brothers also secured one each.

Following a recent Kuala Lumpur case, in which a Malay murderer unsuccessfully pleaded hallucination believing his victim was a tiger, an interesting trial took place at the Ipoh Assizes, F.M.S., recently, when a Malay woman was charged with killing her eight-year old son, accused stating that she believed him to be a pig. The deed occurred in 1918, and the woman has just been discharged as sane from the mental hospital. The Court was much impressed with a doctor's assertion that malaria caused such illusions, even among Europeans. The accused was discharged.

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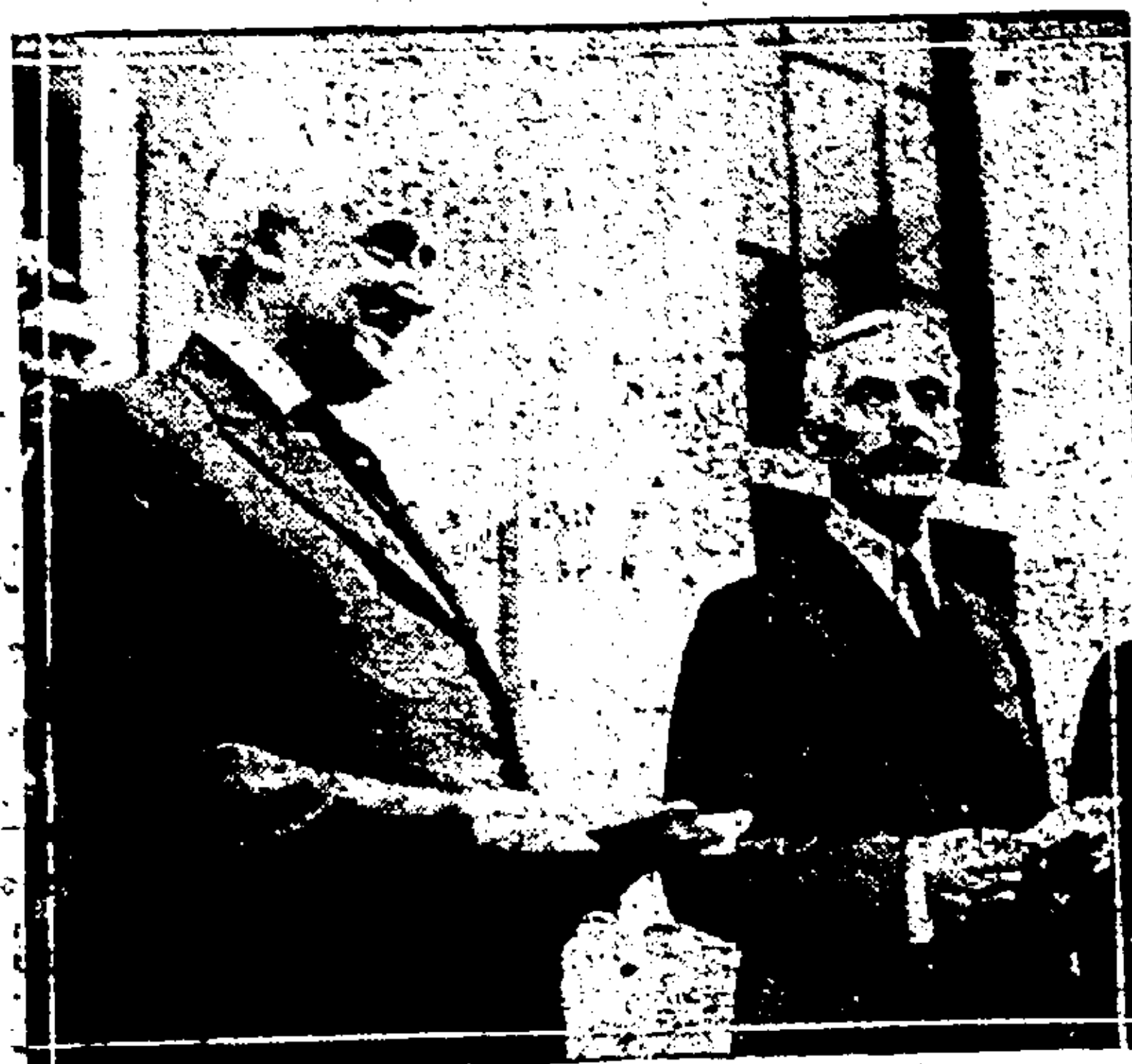
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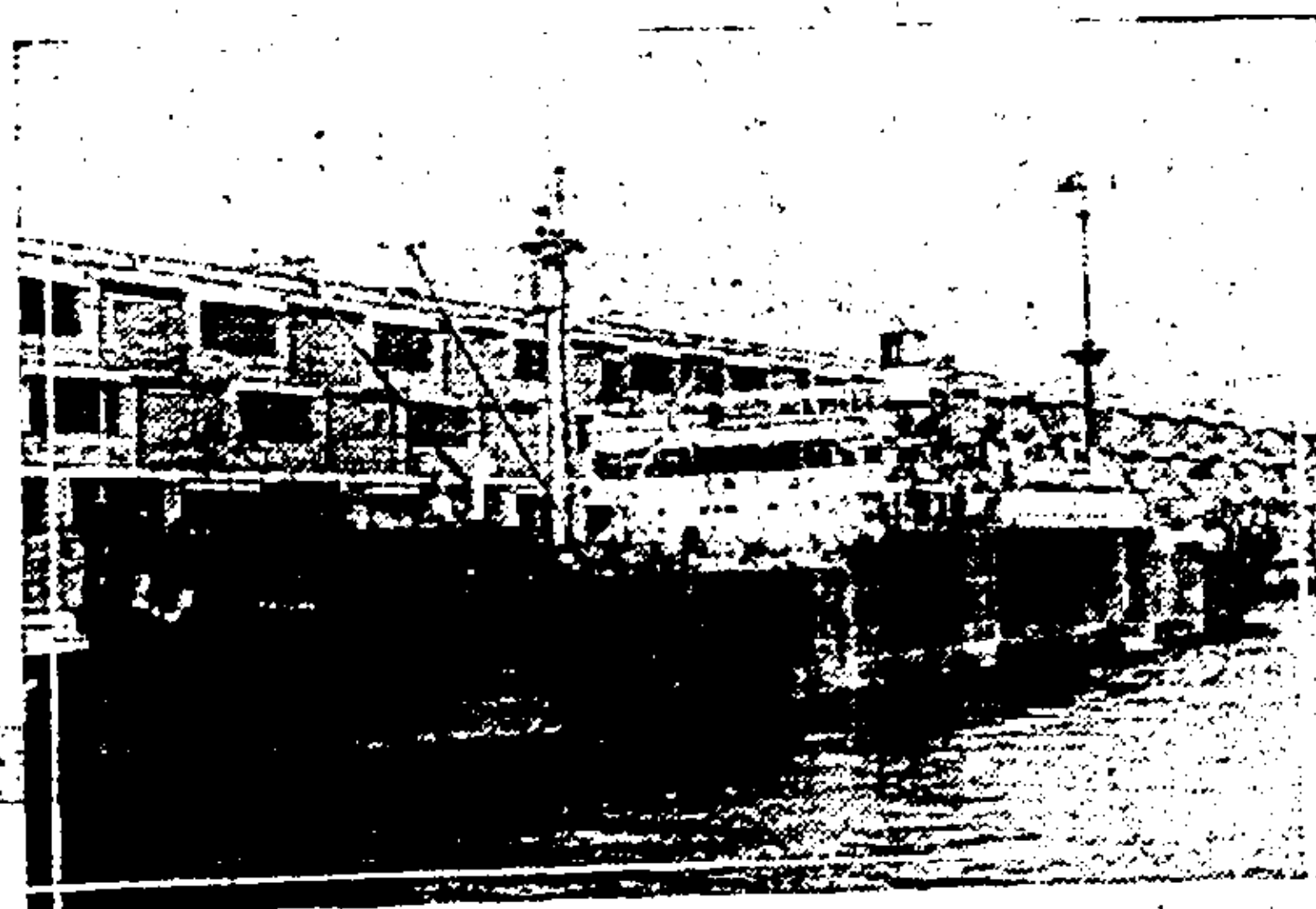
# CAMERA NEWS.



President Harding holding the three savings certificates of the September 30th, 1922, issue which he had purchased from the Secretary of the Treasury for which he gave his cheque for \$924.50. One of the certificates is for \$1,000, one for \$100, and one for \$25 maturity value, which is five years from date of purchase.



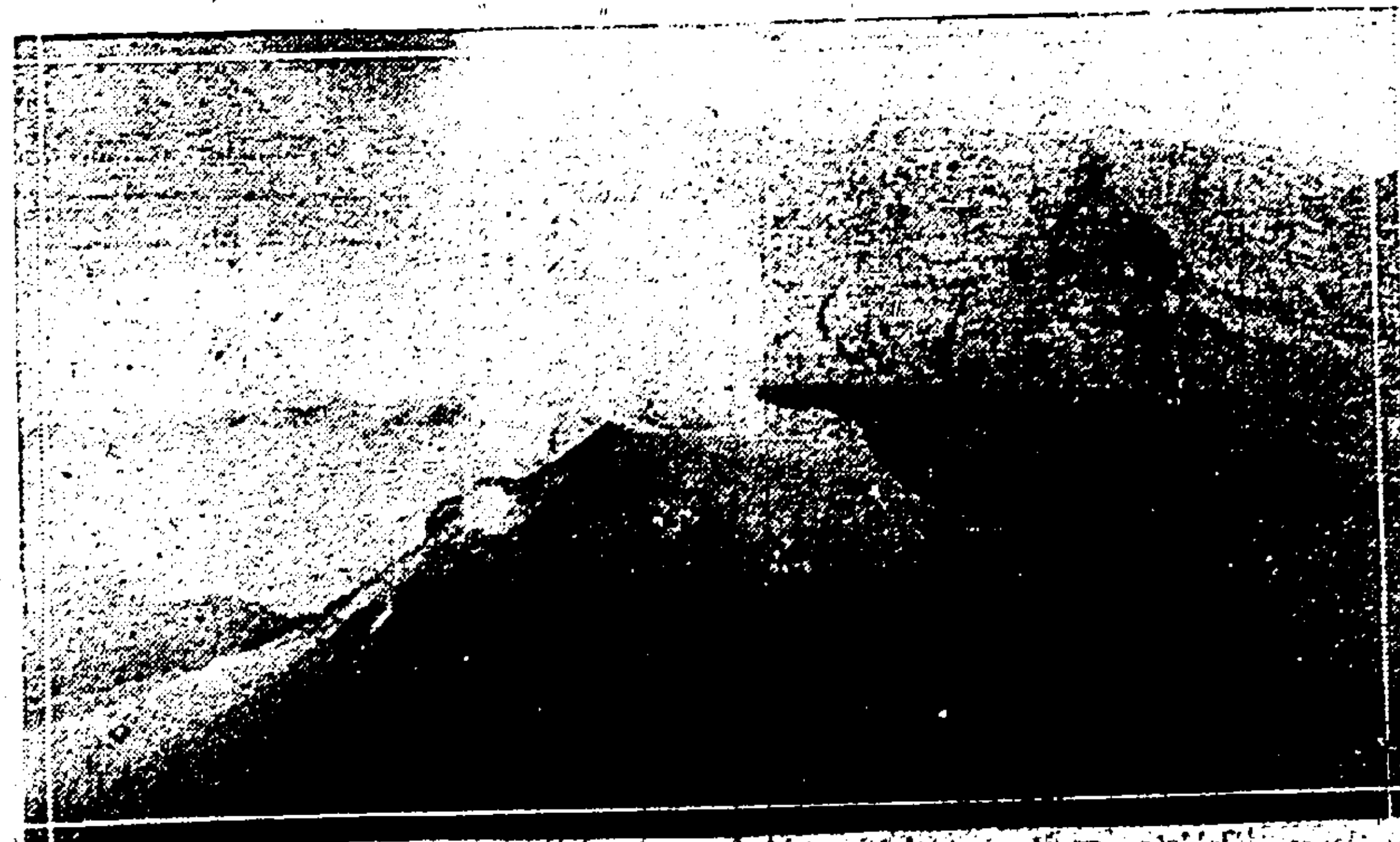
This photograph was taken just after the coronation of the King and Queen of Rumania in the town of Alba Julia, Transylvania.



Loading the U.S. steamer "Saugus" with flour for the relief of the sufferers of the Smyrna disaster. This was the first relief ship to leave America with food supplies for devastated Smyrna, and it contains \$210,000 worth of food, collected through the efforts of the Near East Relief.



Mustapha Kemal Pasha (X) surrounded by his advisors, mostly members of the Turkish Nationalist Government.



An unusual view of the top of Mount Vesuvius taken by a photographer who wanted a close-up of Italy's "boiling kettle" which threatens to boil over at any moment.



J. C. Christensen, who was recently asked by the Danish King to form a new Cabinet.



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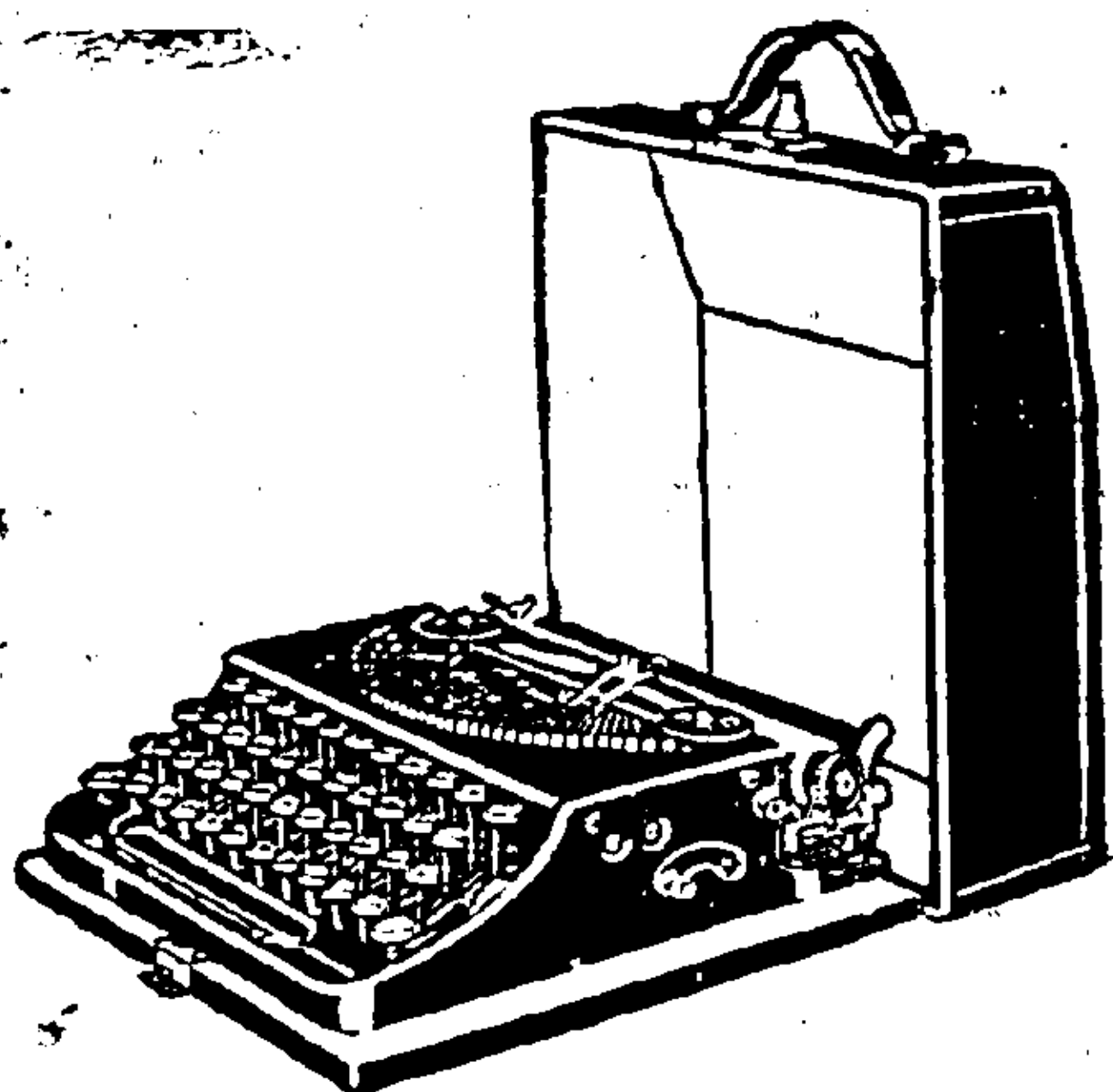
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## AUSTRALIAN ELECTION PROSPECTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Continued from Page 1.

Melbourne, December 18.  
The latest results of the Australian elections show that a recovery of the Hughes Nationalist party is almost hopeless. The party possibly will not number over 26 in the new House, where it is likely there will be a deadlock unless the anti-Labour forces fuse.

## M.C.C.-AUCKLAND MATCH ABANDONED.

Auckland, December 18.  
The postponed match began on Friday. The M.C.C. compiled 350, Titchmarsh contributing 154 and MacLaren 54. Auckland replied with 106 for the loss of five wickets. There was no play on the third day owing to rain, and the match was abandoned.

## GOOD INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

Delhi, December 18.  
The early winter rains have greatly improved the crop prospects. A bumper wheat crop is expected. The outlook is the best since the record harvest of 1913. Prices are steadily falling, despite the export of wheat.

## NAVAL RESCUERS NAMED.

Malta, December 18.  
It was the American destroyer Bainbridge and the British destroyer Sepoy which rescued the passengers and crew of the Vinhlong.

## THE LATE LORD MARCUS BERESFORD.

London, December 18.  
The verdict on Lord Marcus Beresford was death from natural causes.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## CHINA'S FINANCIAL NEEDS.

London, Dec. 18.  
A special article in the *Financial Times* on the financial needs of China, dwells on the unpopularity of the new Consortium. China complains that the British attitude seems to be to insist that China shall do business with the Consortium or nobody. The writer asks if the Chinese Government is unable to do business with the Consortium whether other avenues are to be closed and Anglo-American investors to suffer indefinitely. He expresses the opinion that Chinese credit has depreciated twenty to thirty per cent. on account of China's default with regard to the Vickers, Marconi, Pacific Development and Chicago Continental bills. He declares that many of the reproaches levelled against the Peking Government are undeserved, because no Government deprived of its power to utilise its revenues for national purposes can function. Should be Given Freedom.

The writer declares Peking should be given freedom to deal with bankers in London, Washington Paris and Tokio in open competition. He considers the Maritime Customs and the Salt Gabelle revenue would enable China to raise the capital needed to put her house in order. He asserts that with open competition the prices of China's bonds would improve. The funds required could be raised on the most advantageous terms and lenders would exert themselves to obtain guarantees for proper administration and for their own protection.

## THE LAUSANNE CONFERENCE.

Lausanne, Dec. 18.  
The Russian delegates have written another Note to the Secretariat of the Conference, alluding to the absence of any reply to their communication of December 12. In this Note reference was made to Russian participation in all discussions on the Straits, to which end they suggested the formation of a sub-commission.

## THE GERMAN REPARATIONS.

New York, Dec. 18.  
Despatches from Washington indicate that American experts will probably participate in the investigation of Germany's ability to meet her reparations obligations. As the initial step to assist in the solution of European problems, it is reported that President Harding has sounded the Senate on the advisability of another International Conference.

## NEW POLISH CHIEF OF STAFF.

Warsaw, Dec. 18.  
Marshal Pilsudski has agreed provisionally to act as Chief of the General Staff in succession to General Sikorski.

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### A CATHOLIC MEETING.

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Yesterday was a memorable day amongst the Portuguese community of Hongkong which assembled at the Catholic Union to welcome, as well as bid God-speed, to the first Apostolic Delegate to China, His Grace Monsignor Celso L. Costantini, Archbishop of Theodosia, who leaves Hongkong for Shanghai today prior to taking up his headquarters at Hankow. There have been previous occasions when the Holy See has sent representatives to the Government of China, but this is the first time in history that a permanent Apostolic Delegate has been sent at the express bidding of His Holiness the Pope.

The welcome to His Grace yesterday evening was a simple one, consisting of the presentation of distinguished Portuguese as well as addresses from the civic and religious community.

The following was the address from the Catholic Community of Hongkong, presented by Mr. H. Dixon.

"Your Grace, we, the faithful children of the Catholic Church in Hongkong, respectfully tender you our heartiest welcome and dutiful homage as the Representative of our Holy Father, the Pope. Situated as we are at the very portal of the vast country, Your Grace has been accredited to us as the loyal support and obedience of the loyal support and obedience you may expect to receive in your onerous mission. Quite recently this great and populous country of China, which St. Francis Xavier so ardently desired to convert to the Faith of Christ, has attracted fresh bands of English speaking missionaries. His Holiness the Pope in his fatherly wisdom has selected your illustrious person as his representative to co-ordinate the work of all missions in China so as to achieve the best results.

"It must have been apparent to Your Grace, that in this British Colony of Hongkong there is a great diversity of nationalities among its inhabitants—Chinese, Portuguese, British and others; but those of us who are happily united in the solidarity of the One True Faith and in the membership of the Holy

Catholic and Apostolic Church are agreed in our obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff, to whom we crave your kindness to convey an expression of our filial affection and homage.

"We pray Your Grace will have a pleasant voyage to the Capital of China. Our best wishes speed you on your journey. Imparting your Blessing, we remain, Your Grace, with the greatest respect and veneration, your humble and loyal children in Jesus Christ."

Another address, in Portuguese, was presented by Mr. B. F. Soares.

#### A Distinguished Career.

In introducing His Grace to the assembly, Right Rev. Bishop Pozzoni stated that the Apostolic Delegate was very well-known in Italy and had been employed by the Italian Government on a very confidential and important mission. On account of his vast learning and the brilliant manner, in which he had handled the complex situation at Fiume, the Holy See had appointed him to his present distinguished office where it would be his duty to bring union and co-ordination between all Catholic missions in China as well as promoting the educational welfare of the Chinese, and the assisting of charitable institutions. His work would be entirely free of all political colour, and would be for the general peace of China.

His Grace, who responded in Portuguese, referred feelingly to the great ideals of St. Francis Xavier. He also recalled with pride the exploits of the early Portuguese navigators, who had brought Christianity with them to China. They had come with the light of faith and charity.

The following gentlemen were presented to His Grace: Mr. A. F. Osmond, of the Contra Fraternity of the Blessed Saviour; Mr. V. F. Soares, of the Apostleship of Prayer, of the Society of St. Raphael; Mr. J. M. Graca, of the Contra Fraternity of Nosso Senhor Dos Passos; Mr. J. D. Osmond, of the Catholic Union; Fr. Purcell, of the Catholic Men's Club; Mr. F. H. Barnes, of the Society of St. Vincent; Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto, of the Club Lusitano; and Mr. E. V. M. de Souza, of the Club de Recreio.

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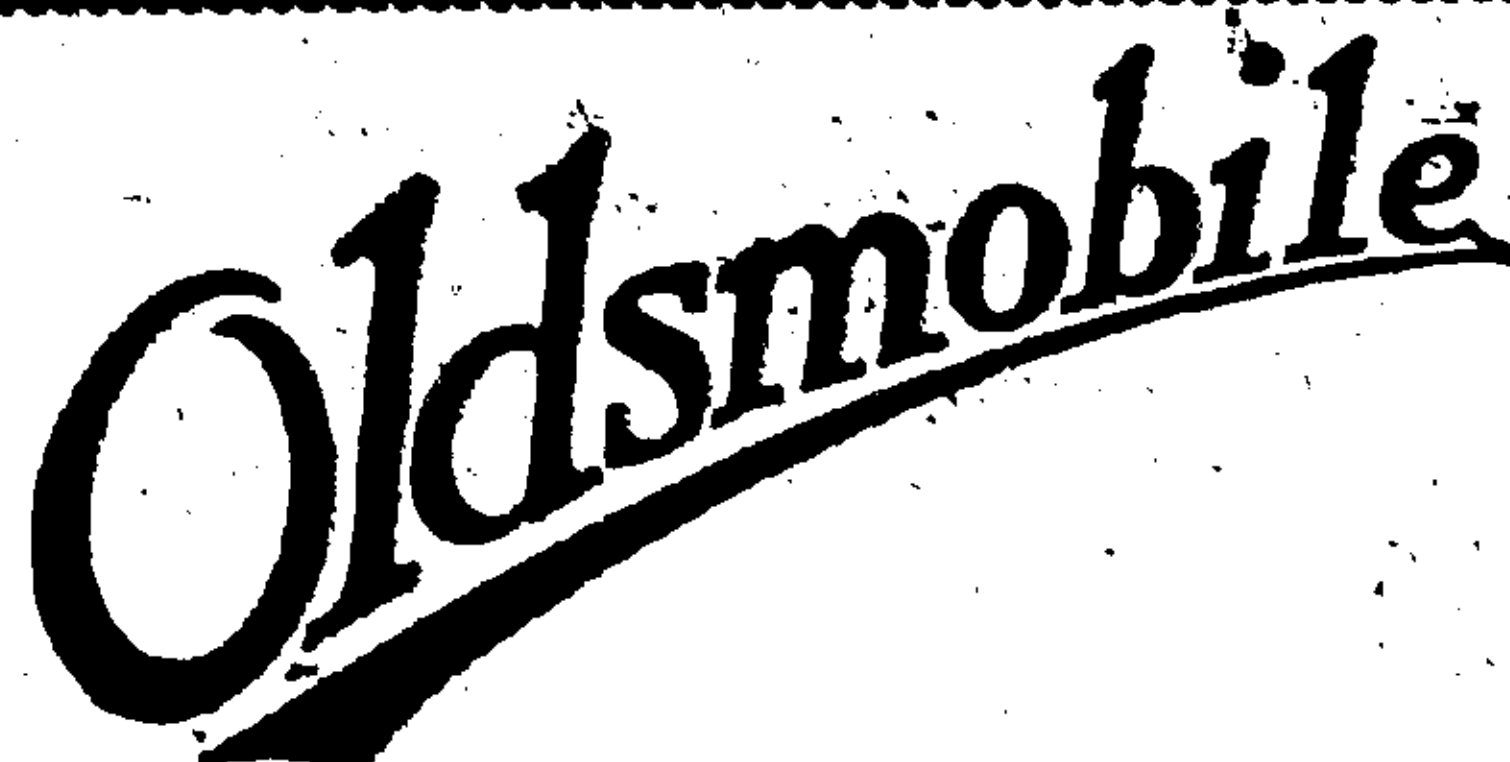
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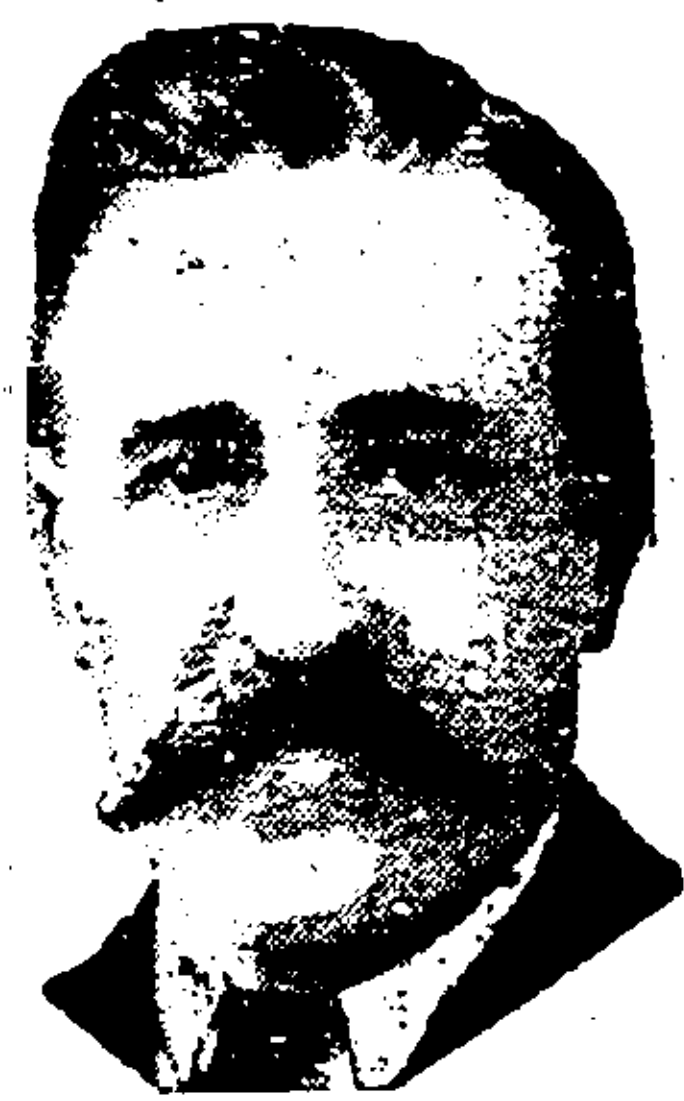
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## DEATH.

DA ROCHA.—At the St. Paul's  
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Vicente Ferrer Marria, the dearly  
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## The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 19th Dec. 1922.

## AMERICA AND EUROPE.

One of the most important items of news that we have received through Reuter recently is the announcement that the United States of America desire to participate in settling the reparations question. American intervention is perhaps the one thing needed to make a final solution of the problem possible. Not wanting any reparations herself, America can come in as a neutral, without any suspicion of bias in favour of one side or another, and without any suggestion of specially interested motive. She can act as an arbitrator in any dispute that might arise, and her opinions will have the weight of authority behind them which would be lacking in the case of a smaller Government. All that is required now to make intervention by the United States a success is willingness by the parties concerned to discard any petty schemes of their own which they might have for a general plan acceptable all round, even if such action requires minor sacrifices. It is not a time for stubborn clinging to varied points of view, provided a practicable solution be offered. The main feature of the American proposal appears to be a big international loan to Germany. We commented on the practicability of this proposition in a note yesterday, and we repeat that this seems to offer the best way out of the present tangle. The powerful group of financial interests that would find the necessary funds for a vast loan of this nature would have as their security the rich resources

of Germany, especially of industrial Germany. Needless to say, it would be to the advantage of those lending the money that German commerce should prosper, and thus, as we have previously pointed out when writing of the reparations problem, the fostering of trade with our former enemies will, indirectly, mean their ability to meet their war indemnity. America's motives need not be entirely disinterested, either, as it is not natural, with the bulk (if not all) of the loan money probably coming from the United States, and with an American Government guarantee behind it, that the German assets should be kept up to full value, and the country's trade stimulated, through intercourse with America and a full and free interchange of German and United States products. The stabilisation of exchange would in itself require this mutual benefit of international trade.

Possibly the first result of a definite agreement among the Allies, with German acquiescence, on the subject of reparations—and the related question of war debts—and a definite decision in the matter of the projected loan, will be a lasting improvement in the mark quotations, with, of course, an improved tone in German commerce. It is all a cycle of benefits, with an improvement at any one part almost immediately felt everywhere else in the combination. The attitude of France appears to be the only uncertain factor in the situation, but we feel sure the French Government and people would be the last to turn their backs on any scheme that offered the chance of a solution of a problem which concerns France—burdened as she is by the aftermath of her terrible sufferings in the War—more deeply, perhaps, than any of the other Allies.

## Breaking With Tradition.

In connection with his birthday celebrations, the public will be interested to learn that, rightly or wrongly, Sir Robert Ho Tung proposes to break away from a traditional Chinese custom. It is one, he considers, which is incompatible with the enlightenment of the times and which has nothing to recommend it. According to an old custom, a Chinese host is expected to give two dinners to celebrate his marriage feast or birthday. It is well known that, as a rule, most people are present on the second evening only, leaving the host to guess how many guests he may expect for the first evening. It is a curious fact that invited friends do not find themselves under the conventional obligation, as is the Western custom, to accept or decline an invitation to dinner. The puzzled host is thus compelled to provide dinners many of which are wasted through the absence of his guests. How easily this custom may lead to wicked waste is obvious. The custom, we are told, has often proved a great hardship to wage-earners who have had to run into debt owing to the double dinners imposed on them in connection with wedding feasts. Sir Robert hopes and believes that many of his Chinese friends will agree with him in his view. Persuaded of the inutility of perpetuating a custom needing reform, he now ventures to lead on this occasion by breaking away from it. Many of the Chinese social customs are excellent, but some of them are capable of improvement, to the advantage of all. Sir Robert hopes that his many friends will understand that it is not from reasons of parsimony that he has been bold enough to make the innovation by giving only one dinner, which will be held on Wednesday, the 20th. inst. He proposes to devote the cost of the first day's dinner, estimated to amount to \$3,000, to local charitable and educational purposes and to allocate the money in the following manner:—\$1,000 to the Swatow Relief Fund; \$500 to the Confucian Society; \$1,000 to the St. Stephen's Girls' College Building Fund. His proposal, he realises, may be subject

## DAY BY DAY.

THE GOOD EDUCATOR AIMS AT  
MAKING HIMSELF SUPERFLUOUS.  
—Diana Inge.

During the voyage from Shanghai, a boy aboard the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's vessel E-Sang fell down the hold and was killed.

Booking opened briskly yesterday for the Italian Grand Opera Company's farewell performance. Gounod's "Faust" is being played in response to many requests, in which opera the company are said to excel themselves.

Recently the tailors of Hongkong made a demand for an increase of wages. The dispute has now been settled through the efforts of Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, an agreement having been signed yesterday providing for an increase of 30 per cent. There was no strike, and the negotiations, we are glad to record, were conducted in a most amicable spirit.

Those born grumblers who make a habit of complaining about the quality of the films that are sent out East for our delectation should see the version of "The Three Musketeers," which is being shown at the Coronet this week, and then forever hold their peace. Every member of the crowded audiences that saw it when it was shown for the first time yesterday will agree that it is without doubt one of the finest of films. From every point of view it is a great picture.

Reminders of the New Year reach us in the form of a number of attractive calendars. Messrs. Moutrie and Co.'s offering is an excellent one, bearing a series of tunny pictures by Harold Earnshaw parodying well-known songs; Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co.'s has a charming coloured illustration entitled "A Gala Night," whilst the B. A. T. Company sent out a calendar advertising Three Castles cigarettes, the feature of which is a series of three charming mounted photographs of studies of ladies' heads.

to criticism, but he is convinced that, sooner or later, its wisdom will commend itself for adoption by Chinese public opinion. Sir Robert is to be congratulated on taking such a firm stand (which is characteristic of the man) in his effort to change a custom for the retention of which there is no longer any justification, and his good faith is amply attested in the generous benefactions which he has taken the opportunity to make to the deserving institutions named.

## Spotting the Winners.

The monotony of wading through some thousands of Football Competition coupons in search of the winners is now and again relieved by unexpected bits of humour (intentional or otherwise) which one encounters. Last week, competitors were asked to state whether they were Service or Civilian readers. This quite baffled one lady competitor, the wife of a Service man, who filled in the line with a big query mark. Was she Service or Civilian? Luckily, we were not called upon to decide the point, as she had not a sufficiently high number of correct forecasts to place her amongst the winners. Then there was a lad who styled himself "Scout." Apparently a member of the Boy Scouts, he did not know quite how to classify himself. But in his case also there was no necessity for us to pronounce upon the nice point raised. Another lad gave up wrestling with the problem by filling in the line "Please state whether Service or Civilian" thus wise: "Anglo-Indian School." Then there are the little surprises which one gets on encountering competitors who send in *nom de plumes*, fearing, perhaps, that if it gets bruited abroad that they have won a prize they may have to stand an extra round of drinks at the Club! These things, as we say, serve to brighten an otherwise dull and monotonous task, but there are folk who only succeed in annoying the adjudicators, as, for example, the competitor who, literally, with a pair of scissors, cuts out of the coupons the names of the teams he thinks will lose. The result is something which very closely resembles a jigsaw puzzle and, incidentally, almost takes away one's eyesight. The rules are quite plain and straightforward; yet it is astounding how many competitors fail to fall in with the requirements laid down.

## KOWLOON'S HOSPITAL.

Work to Commence Soon.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE  
BUILDING.

Not only Kowloon residents but others in the Colony also will be interested to learn that it proposed to make a start in the actual construction of the Kowloon Hospital within two or three months' time. It will be remembered that in October last, when the Budget meeting of the Legislative Council was held, questions were asked in Council regarding the delay in the work of constructing the hospital, and the information was elicited that the preparation of the site and also that of the surrounding territory and adjacent roads had caused unavoidable delay. At about the same time, tenders were invited from local contractors for the construction of the first five buildings and, as those tenders are now in the hands of the Public Works Department and as the work of preparing the site is all but completed, a general description of the proposed institution will, doubtless, be read with interest.

## An Ideal Site.

The work which it is proposed to put in hand almost immediately is only the preliminary to what is contemplated to be perhaps the largest general hospital in the Colony. It is felt that with the development of the Peninsula, there will eventually be the need for very extensive accommodation and, with that in mind, the area of the land set aside is no less than 450,000 square feet. The site is situated almost at the junction of the road which runs from Hung Hom to Kowloon City and the new 100 ft. road which runs from Shamshui to Kowloon City, and, being on a slight eminence, is an ideal one from every point of view. The institution will be served by three roads and the levels of the site and roads have been so arranged as to allow motor ambulances to drive right up to the door. It is on that particular work of preparation that so much time has been spent. The hospital site will be only 30 feet above the road on which will be situated the main entrance gate and drive-way.

## The Main Building.

The hospital itself has been planned on what is known as the "skeleton corridor" idea. From the main block, which will eventually be used for administrative purposes only, will run a corridor, from which will branch the various wards and other buildings. This plan has been found to give the maximum air and light to each ward, to allow of each ward being complete to itself, yet in direct communication with the central building. For the moment, however, the main block will be the European section of the hospital giving accommodation for private patients (1st and 2nd. class). In the same building will be situated the house surgeon's office, a dispensary, an out-patients' department, an operating theatre and all the usual conveniences. Each of the wards will have its own lavatory, basins, etc., and the general fittings will be of the latest and most approved type. This building has been designed so as to be capable of extension. Joined to this main building by a corridor, will be the native section, consisting of two wards. There will be a central heating system, sanitary towers and ward kitchens.

The doctor's house will contain five rooms, whilst the nursing sisters' quarters will give accommodation for a Matron and eight nursing sisters. In addition to the Matron's private quarters, there will be a drawing room, dining room and eight bedrooms.

## Future Expansion.

Kitchens, native servants' quarters, an entrance gate with watchman's house and a mortuary, complete the work now being put in hand, and when this work has been done a very admirable nucleus will have been provided for the larger scheme contemplated in the future. As stated above, the lay-out has been designed to allow of future needs being supplied as they are found to arise, and when the scheme in its entirety has been completed, Kowloon will possess a hospital of which it may well be proud. The buildings will be carried out in brick with cement plaster outside and have been designed to present an attractive and pleasing exterior. All sanitary work will be carried

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Alleged Bribery Charge.

At the Criminal Sessions, before the Chief Justice (Sir Wm. Ross-Davies) this morning, Lam San was charged with bribery of a public servant.

The jury were Messrs. G. V. Hughes (foreman), Chan Yuen-teng, A. M. da Silva, H. J. B. Norton, E. A. Moosdeen, V. G. Goncalves and C. R. van Krimpen. Mr. H. K. Holmes (Crown Solicitor), outlining the facts, told the Court that on Nov. 24th, a Chinese policeman was on duty at Kowloon Godowns, when he saw a man (accused) coming along No. 5 wharf, towards the shore. A bulge beneath the accused's coat aroused the policeman's suspicions. He stopped accused and told him he was going to search him. The officer did so and found that underneath accused's coat some packages were concealed. Accused then slipped his hand under his coat and brought out a bundle of notes, which he thrust into the hand of the constable, saying: "Let me go, here is some tea money." The constable took accused to the Water Police Station. The two packages were examined and were found to contain sufficient cocaine for 56,000 official doses. The notes were counted and found to amount to \$36.

Accused denied giving the bribe when charged, and at the Magistrate's case was that the constable searched him and took the notes from him.

Accused was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

## Alleged Kidnapping.

Tam Man-hi, a superior-looking Chinese, appeared before Mr. Justice Gompertz this morning on a charge of being concerned in a kidnapping conspiracy.

The jury were Messrs. A. Main, C. A. dos Remedios, W. H. Whiteley, E. T. Singer, H. Seth, V. R. V. Ribeiro and J. Steer. The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp) conducted the case for the Crown. Accused was defended by Mr. Campbell (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist).

This is the same case as that which occupied the Court yesterday. There were two prisoners, but on the application of Mr. Campbell Prosser the two men appeared in the dock separately. The case is proceeding as we go to press.

CHINESE WORKING  
HOURS.Dr. Sherwood Eddy's  
Suggestion.

By special invitation of the managers of the Sincere Co., the Sun Co., Wing On Co. and Chan K'ong Co., Dr. Sherwood Eddy addressed a meeting at the World Theatre this morning, the gathering being attended by about 1,500 members of the staffs of these firms.

Dr. Eddy spoke about the needs of the Chinese people and emphasised the point that the greatest need of all was for men of character in positions of leadership.

At the close of the meeting, Dr. Eddy referred to the long hours of labour among the Chinese and made a strong appeal to the four Companies to set an example to others by giving one day of rest in seven, instead of half a day, as at present. The managers of the Companies, who were on the platform, agreed to give the matter their serious attention.

Dr. Eddy left for Manila by the Tangu Maru to-day, and will pass through Hongkong later, on his way to India.

TO-DAY'S SHARE  
PRICES.

There is practically no change to report in the local share market to-day.

Hongkong Docks have been sold at 6183.

Hongkong Lands have risen to \$258.

Cements have been sold at \$21. China Lights and China Providents remain steady.

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has increased slightly from Wei-  
haiwei to Aparri and Indo-China.  
It is nearly stationary at other  
reporting stations.

The anticyclone has again  
strengthened slightly. It remains  
stationary over China.

Fresh monsoon will continue  
along the S.E. coast of China  
and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24  
hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day,  
0.51 inch. Total since January  
1st, 69.43 inches, against an  
average of 82.65 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS  
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Formosa Channel. N.E. winds,  
strong.

2 South coast of China, between  
H.K. & Lamooka. N.E. winds,  
fresh.

3 Hongkong to Gap Rock. overcast,  
somedrizzle or mist.

4 South coast of China, between  
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7.00 a.m. to 7.15 a.m. every 15 min.	7.15 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. every 15 min.
7.30 a.m. to 7.45 a.m. every 15 min.	7.45 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. every 15 min.
8.00 a.m. to 8.15 a.m. every 15 min.	8.15 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. every 15 min.
8.30 a.m. to 8.45 a.m. every 15 min.	8.45 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. every 15 min.
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11.00 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. every 15 min.	11.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. every 15 min.
11.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. every 15 min.	11.45 a.m. to 12.00 a.m. every 15 min.

### NIGHT CARS.

8.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. every 30 minutes

11.30 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every 15 minutes

### SATURDAYS.

EXTRA CAR 12.00 midnight

### SUNDAYS.

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